

SENATE BILL 1725

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 70, relative to
possession of a firearm.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1311(b)(1), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(_) Any Tennessee resident in possession of a handgun while within the boundaries of any state park, if such resident is duly authorized to carry the handgun pursuant to § 39-17-1351.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1359, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(_) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any Tennessee resident from possessing a handgun while within the boundaries of any state park, if such resident is duly authorized to carry the handgun pursuant to § 39-17-1351.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-117, is amended by adding the following language as new subsection (d):

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a person with a handgun carry permit pursuant to § 39-17-1351 may possess a handgun the entire year while on the premises of any refuge, public hunting area, wildlife management area or, to the extent permitted by federal law, national forest land maintained by the state. Nothing in this subsection (d) shall authorize a person to use any handgun to hunt unless such person is in full compliance with all wildlife laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-5-101, is amended by adding the following language as subsection (c) and by redesignating the remaining subsections accordingly:

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b), a person with a handgun carry permit pursuant to § 39-17-1351 may possess a handgun the entire year while on the premises of any refuge, public hunting area or wildlife management area or, to the extent permitted by federal law, national forest land maintained by the state. Nothing in this subsection (c) shall authorize a person to use any handgun to hunt unless such person is in full compliance with all wildlife laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, neither the department of environment and conservation nor any other entity of state or local government shall prohibit any Tennessee resident from possessing a handgun while within the boundaries of any state park, if such resident is duly authorized to carry the handgun pursuant to § 39-17-1351.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.